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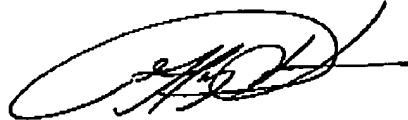
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, the due date for response to which is October 30, 2005, Applicants elect to pursue the invention of Group I for further prosecution, without traverse. Group I encompasses claims 1-11 and 13-31 drawn to an optical apparatus with a variable optical property element.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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